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Wednesday, February 25, 1953

Back to Dr. Joyner. We lunched with Larry and Barry Lowman at the Colony Restaurant. It was great fun. We returned to the apartment, picked up Peanie, and maneuvered our baggage and dogs over to the 49th Street Station of Trans World Airlines.

Took off from Idlewild at 5:00 p.m.

Arrived at Paris, February 26, about 13 hours later. Jimmy Dunn, Fred Anderson, Brose Chambers, Graham Martin, Betsy and Bill Tyler, Lesca (from French Protocol), Preston Grover, and quite a lot of others were there to meet us. Jimmy brought us in to the Hotel France et Choiseul, where we are comfortably established in an ornate Empire suite.

We fared forth almost at once to M. Maillard's Auberge le Vieux Chatelet, where we had an admirable sole and steak with hearty new Quincy wine.

I went to the office this afternoon. Saw Jimmy, Ted Achilles, Graham Martin, Livy Merchant, and many old friends amongst the employees. Gave Flo Palmer a resounding kiss. When I came back to the Hotel, Odette Dewavrin was there. We had dinner about eight o'clock in our room, after walking the Boys around the Place Vendome, where they made up for their continence on the plane.

Masses of flowers and messages from friends. To bed at 10:30 p.m. Enchanted to be in Paris.

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